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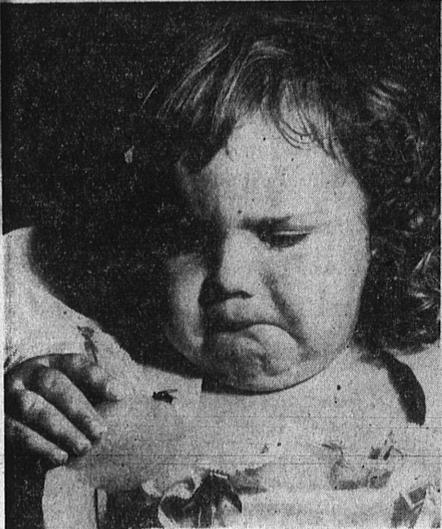
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A TORRANCE GIRL...



A TORRANCE FLY...



A TORRANCE PROBLEM...

Two-year old Shelly Renee, like all of Torrance sadly discovers that a little fly presents an annoying obstacle.

## Million Dollar Budget OK'ed by School Board

A \$65,443 increase over last year's budget was approved at Tuesday evening's meeting of the Torrance Board of Education, bringing the 1949-50 appropriation total to \$1,162,206. The budget hike which was made in the capital outlay and general reserve funds, was necessary due to increased valuations, board officials explained. The board authorized the City Recreation Commission to use the west half of school property at 186th street and Hawthorne boulevard for a proposed El Nido recreation center. Two thousand dollars, which El Nido residents say will be turned over to the Recreation Commission upon application of the county, will be used for the development of the El Nido recreation center, stated Dr. J. H. Hull, board member and superintendent of schools. Board members heard the opinion of the County Counsel that any vacancy on a board of education must be filled by a board-appointed member until the next regular school election. The question arose when member George Thatcher indicated recently that he may be forced to tender his resignation due to the fact that a change in his sales district may force him to move from the Torrance Unified School District. He is sales-engineer for Linde Air Products Company.

### It's All Over, Sarge

## The Chow is Good and Ice Cream, Plentiful

Just like they've been telling you, Sarge—the war is over. Remember the mile-long chow line and the 3.2 beer? The name you had for that place down in Alabama? The perpetual snafu? That's all over now. Take, for instance the gang of Torrance guys with Company A, 578th Engineer Combat Battalion. That's the National Guard, Sarge. They're up at Camp San Luis Obispo for some full-time training. Now, I'll admit there are better places to spend a three-day pass than in San Louis, but it's a lot better than Camp Shelby, ain't it? Second Lieutenant Jesse Ball—a regular guy, even though a shavetail—took time out to write and say the boys are all being well fed and looked after. You don't remember anything like that, do you Sarge? Of course there are still some of the regular details. The Torrance gang is starting a sanitation project, they call it, and they've been running bulldozers and scrapers over some of the roads, pulling out telephone poles and building bridges. Recruit Reginald O'Donnell and Pfc. John T. Turner are learning about demolition the right way—at school. The other night Pfc. Hal Rhine, who is attending Air Transport School, decided to really tie one on—he ate 17 blocks of ice cream. Just like they've been telling you, Sarge—the war is over.



BROWN SHIRT, PANTS TO MATCH... Yes, the clothing follows suit, but Torrance men currently undergoing concerted National Guard training at Camp San Luis Obispo say you would never recognize the "Old Army." Depicted with a modern air compressing unit are, left to right, Pfc. Frank M. Elliott, Sgt. Thomas Walker, Recruit Douglas D. Brown, Pfc. Raymond E. Paxton, Ret. John L. Schulz and Pfc. Charles T. Turner.

## Small Fry Get Big Balloons In Sale Drive

Local small fry seldom had it so good. Saturday night, when Junior toddlers into Mom's favorite Torrance shop, he will be handed a brightly-hued, air-filled balloon bearing the inscription, "Torrance Saturday Night." "It's just a little stunt of ours to encourage Saturday night shopping in Torrance," declared Paul Diamond, president of the Retail Merchants' Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. "We'll give free balloons to kids of all ages—provided, of course, they are with their parents."

## Small Business Awaits Decision On Labor Clash

A court decision which is vital to every owner-operated retail store or small business in the Torrance-San Pedro area, whose proprietor has been required or compelled to join the San Pedro Retail Clerks' Union, is being awaited by attorneys and officers of the Harbor Area Employers Council. Particularly applicable to the so-called "Mama and Papa" stores is the action brought this week by 125 individually operating meat distributors in Meat Distributors, Inc., who Tuesday sued the AFL Teamsters Union and 12 meat packing houses for \$50,000 and for an injunction against an asserted union ban that is depriving them of their customary means of earning a living. The distributors are ones who own their own trucks and go to a packing house, buy meat at wholesale and then distribute it to large meat consumers. They are sometimes known in the trade as "peddlers." They charge in their complaint that they were required by teamsters agents to pay a total of about \$1000 "initiation" fees plus \$350 a month in "dues" but they were allowed no voice

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## PUBLIC INSTALLATION, DANCE SET BY LEGION

Public ceremonies will be held Saturday evening for the installation of the new 1949 officers of the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion. The installation will take the administrative chores from a group of men who during the past year have guided to a successful completion the post's new \$40,000 clubhouse. The ceremonies, which are slated to begin at 8 p. m., will be followed by a public dance. Keith Forbes and his band, who have played for many Legion affairs in Redondo Beach, will provide the music. Tom Watson, who heads the group of officers elected July 5, will take the reins of the post from present Commander Tom Babbitt. The new Commander-elect revealed that he has chosen Vern Babcock, one time post commander, as his adjutant. Edith White is present adjutant. Lyle Madsen, moving up from the post of second vice-commander, will succeed Saul Levine as first vice-commander. Vic Froberg will take office as second vice-commander. To be installed as finance officer is Lyle O'Hara, who was re-elected to that post for a second term. F. B. "Pat" Boyle will relinquish his position as service officer to Eddie Chamberlain. Paddy Ryan will succeed Howard McDonald as chaplain. Re-elected for his third term, William Diamond will be installed as sergeant at arms. Babbitt will assume the duties as junior post commander. Comprising the three-man executive board are Ken Cunningham, Jim Wilkes, and Levine. The post of historian, now held by James Scott, will be filled at a later date, according to O'Hara, publicity chairman. The ceremonies, which will be held at the Legion clubhouse at 1109 Border avenue, will be conducted by the installing team from the Whittier Post.

## Lakewood Editor Joins Staff of Torrance Herald

In keeping with its current policy of expansion and improvement the Torrance Herald last week added a new man to its editorial force, Publisher Grover C. Whyte announced. George H. Barker, who for two years served as editor of the Lakewood (Cal.) News-Times, took over duties of Herald city editor. He augments the staff manned by Managing Editor Jack Baldwin, Bob Brown, and Mary Vonderhage.

Before coming to California in 1947, Barker was a staffer with the Cleveland Plain Dealer and served with the Air Force during the recent war.

## Star Witness Snarls Case

Edward Joseph Duke, 24, who assured City Judge Otto B. Willett of his innocence in a contributing-liquor-to-a-minor charge found his case complicated this week by the appearance of the 19-year-old Los Angeles girl involved. She pleaded guilty to accepting the drink, and was fined \$15. Duke was released on \$100 bail and will appear before the court July 28. The couple were apprehended drinking beer in a local tavern by Ralph L. Haddock and John Churchill, state liquor enforcement officers.

## It Wasn't the Heat, It Was - -

Ice men did a land office business; land offices were showing prospects homes with some shade in the back; small dogs panted and strong men sought the cool privacy of their favorite pub. Everyone, it seemed, was uncomfortably warm this week. But not the weatherman. Speaking above the whirl of the office fan he declared that temperatures were normal; that Torrance temperature maximum during the past week was an 82; the temperature would continue to remain "comfortable" during the weekend. "You say you're warm? It could be the humidity, but more likely your imagination," said Mr. WM. He strategically read-

justed the fan, unbuttoned his shirt collar and wilted deeper into his swivel chair.			
"Yep, it's probably just your imagination,—cause it was only well see for yourself,			
July	Max.	Min.	
14	76	56	
15	80	58	
16	81	59	
17	81	59	
18	80	63	
19	82	62	

## Fly Fighters Meet to Map Strategy, Plan All-Out War

OPERATION 'FLYDOOM,' July 19—No single effort since the end of the war has received the city-wide backing accorded the current campaign to put down the rising fly menace. Aroused by the ever increasing threat of a city taken by the flies, representatives from many civic clubs, organizations and churches packed the City Council Chambers Tuesday night and mobilized to form the Fly Abatement Committee of Torrance—F.A.C.T. In the first real offensive move of the all-out campaign Mayor J. Hugh Sherrey Jr. commissioned Jack O. Baldwin managing editor of the Torrance Herald, as head of the F.A.C.T. and ordered him to report to the next meeting of the council.

## Volunteers Urged To Attend Meet

Volunteers in the "Kill a Fly—Save a Life" campaign were asked to meet at 7 p. m. next Tuesday in the council chambers to map a plan of action to be presented to the city council. All organizations are urged to attend the conference.

on the committee's recommended strategy to be used against the increasing horde of flies.

Baldwin's appointment came following a report of a five-hour, 30-mile inspection trip of the city made with Jack Olson, pest control engineer of the unincorporated city of Paramount. Olson had been retained by the city to make an inspection and report of the city's dairies, hog farms, and alleys and other possible sources of fly infection. Olson told the council that the tactical problem in ridding the city of the winged germ-carriers was not a complicated one. He reported that the battle against the aerial invaders could be conquered by declaring city-sponsored chemical warfare against the pests. He estimated the cost of spraying the city's alleys, swamps, and other breeding places would cost the city approximately \$665. "To be really effective however, the fogging attack on areas where flies are known to breed must be backed by a community armed with a knowledge on the 'enemy's' habits and a desire of the populace to cooperate in the campaign," Olson said.

Following the meeting Baldwin said:

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## Cost of Factory Frolic Claimed Not 'Justified'

Planning for a proposed Factory Frolic was virtually junked at a meeting of Torrance service clubs held in the offices of Dr. Don C. Moslies Tuesday afternoon. The Frolic, resumed last year after a wartime lapse, was considered by the Chamber of Commerce. Although the Lions Club and the Optimists voted in favor of the affair at the current meeting, Kiwanis and Rotary delegates were against its continuation.

Factory representatives were said to be of the opinion that the great cost of staging the Frolic were not justified. Too, an outside amusement company, under initial plans, would realize the greatest financial benefit from the affair, it was said.

Also authorized at Tuesday's session was the formation of a service club coordinating council which would be responsible for the staging of inter-club programs during the coming year.

## WORKER BREAKS BOTH WRISTS, ANKLE IN FALL

Falling from a scaffold while working on the new Farmer Brothers Coffee plant at Normandie avenue and East road, Howard Iahn broke both wrists and an ankle last Friday. He was taken to the Torrance Medical Group for treatment by Sullivan's Ambulance and later transferred to a Los Angeles Hospital.

## PICNIC DRAWS CROWD

More than 150 persons last Sunday attended a family picnic sponsored by the Torrance Chapter, Order of DeMolay, held at the Torrance City Park, according to Dad Frank Schmidt.



HEAT BEATER... Muriel Elaine Mozena, two-and-a-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mozena, 1920 Torrance boulevard, discovered the recipe for this "Mozena Cocktail" for keeping cool—one sun suit, a two-fisted popsicle and 50 pounds of ice on the bottom.—Herald photo.